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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Village School Master's Pay.

READ.—

Subject No. 123 of the Representative Assembly of October 1920 regarding arrangements for the prompt disbursement of pay to Village School Masters.

ORDER No. 1372-4—EDN. 162-21-2, DATED THE 27TH SEPTEMBER 1921.

With a view to avoid delay in the payment of salaries and grants to school masters and also to relieve the Sheikdars of the work of disbursing these amounts a system was introduced in Government Order No. 8529-39—Edn. 33-18-3, dated the 8th March 1919, under which direct payment at the treasury is made in the case of salaries and grants of teachers of Village Elementary Schools within a radius of 10 miles of the taluk headquarters, payments in other cases being arranged to be made by postal money orders. Subsidiary and detailed instructions have also been issued by Government in the matter which provides that the Assistant Inspectors should prepare two consolidated statements, one for grants to Aided Village Elementary Schools and the other for salaries to teachers, and forward them to the treasuries concerned for encashment and payment. The money order forms in the case of salaries and grants to masters of schools beyond the prescribed radius of 10 miles are also duly filled in by the Assistant Inspectors and sent to the Treasuries along with the bills, one money order being made out for each school. After auditing the bills, the treasury authorities arrange for direct payments in concerned cases after obtaining necessary acquittances, and for remittance by money order, in other cases, the money order acknowledgments being attached to the acquittance roll kept in Taluk offices.

This system has been acknowledged to be an improvement on the previous procedure but complaints have not ceased as regards the delay that still exist in the disbursement of

salaries and grants. Various suggestions have been made in this connection to improve on the present system and the following are a few of the important one :—

(i) That direct payment may be restricted to the teachers of schools within a radius of five miles.

(ii) That for the contingency of the Headmaster being away at the time the money order arrives and the consequent delay in the disbursement of salaries to other teachers whose pay may also be included in the same money order a separate money order may be issued in the name of each teacher instead of a single money order for a whole school.

(iii) That the Range Officer may himself draw the money and remit it direct to the masters obviating delay on the part of the treasury.

As regards the first two suggestions above, Government observe that apart from the increase of scriptory labour which they involve in the offices of Assistant Inspectors in having to prepare a large number of money order forms and the increase of work thrown on Taluk Offices in having to watch the receipt of a large number of acknowledgments, the commission payable on the money orders would also become unduly high, quite disproportionate to any additional facility that the adoption of the suggestions may bring about. They are therefore not in favour of adopting either of these suggestions.

With regard to the third suggestion, they consider that the object can as well be achieved by adopting the system ordered in the Government Order dated the 8th March 1919, by necessary and proper check over the various authorities concerned in the scheme.

With a view therefore to ensure proper and efficient scrutiny over the work of Assistant Inspectors and the Taluk Officers in this matter, the Government have recently approved of the proposal of the Inspector-General of Education to prescribe a monthly return in the form appended showing the dates on which pay bills were prepared and sent to the treasury by the Assistant Inspectors and on which salaries were drawn and disbursed. Government consider that with these safeguards the scheme already sanctioned may be given a sufficiently long trial before any changes therein are contemplated.

K. MATTHAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Report on the disbursement of pay for the month of.....to teachers of Government Aided Village Elementary Schools in.....Taluk.

1. The date on which the pay bills, etc., were prepared and sent to the treasury.
2. Total number of teachers in the taluk.
3. Number of teachers whose pay is held over for future payment with reasons in brief.
4. Signature of the Assistant Inspector.
5. Date on which the bills were received in the treasury.
6. Date of encashment.
7. Date on which money orders were despatched.
8. Reasons for any extraordinary delay under (6) and (7).
9. Forwarded to the Circle Inspector,.....or Inspectress of Girls' Schools in Mysore, Bangalore.

Signature of Tresury Officer.

N. B.—Columns (1) to (4) will be filled up by the Assistant Inspector and (5) to (8) by the Treasury Officer.

Nangli Village Panchayet.

Read:—Letter No. L. F. O. C. 1349, dated 30th August—2nd September 1921, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, requesting sanction to the nomination of Mr. Anche Mallappa, as a member of Nangli Village Panchayet in the Mulbagal Taluk, in the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mr. C. R. Subba Rao, Sheikdar and a nominated member of the said Village Panchayet.

ORDER—L. 1872—L. B., 59-21-2 DATED 26TH SEPTEMBER 1921.

Approved. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to get the name notified early in the *Gazette*.

D. C. SUBBARAYAPPA,
For Secretary to Government, Revenue, Department.